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SUBJ: LETHAL GAS EXPLOSION IN LOMBARDY

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1. DR. MOORE COMPLETELY BRIEFED AND INTRODUCED TO PROF. POCCHIARI.

2. ALL THREE DIOXIN PACKAGES ARRIVED AND DELIVERED.

3. PROF. POCCHIARI HAS ADVISED THAT 5 HECTARES IN ZONE A WILL SERVE AS LABORATORY AS SUGGESTED BY DR. KEARNEY. IN ADDITION, HE ADVISED THAT AS OF AUGUST 31:

A. THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF 700 PERSONS HAS BEEN EVACUATED FROM ZONE A AND ALL CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN FROM ZONE B.

B. THE ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI SANITA (MILAN-BASED) HAS COMPLETED ZONE B.

ASSISTING THEM WERE THE MARIO NEGRI INSTITUTE IN BLOOD ANALYSES AND THE PAOLETTI PHARMACEUTICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF DIOXIN IN THE PURIFIED STATE.

C. 10 CHILDREN ARE ONLY PERSONS HOSPITALIZED

D. FIVE MASS SPECTROMETERS EXIST IN MILAND AND THE SIXTH IS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEING SET UP.

E. PROF. COLUMBINI, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL COMMISSION, HAS APPROVED THE GIVAUDAN PROPOSAL TO TEST OLIVE OIL APPLICATION IN 400 SQUARE METERS FOR A 5-DAY PERIOD. SINCE ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI SANITA HAS MEASUREMENTS FOR DIOXIN IN THAT AREA, EVALUATION CAN BE EXTREMELY ACCURATE.

F. PROF. COLUMBINI HAS ALSO APPROVED THE CUTTING AND INCI-
NERATION OF ALL VEGETABLES IN ZONE A AND B.

4. THE FIRST EVENING OF THE PHOTOBIOLOGY CONFERENCE, WHICH HAD 119 AMERICANS OUT OF 700 REGISTRANTS, CONSISTING OF A TWO-HOUR MEETING ON DIOXIN, WAS CHAIRED BY DR. MOORE (US), DR. KOCHVAR (US), DR. HOLLANDER (US), PROF. POCCHIARI (ITALY), DR. NICOLETTI (ITALY), PROF. LIBERTI (ITALY) AND DR. BARLTROP (ENGLAND). APPROX. 150 PEOPLE ATTENDED. TECHNICAL PAPERS WERE WELL PRESENTED AND DISCUSSIONS WERE CONFINED TO TECHNICAL MATTERS. COPIES OF PROGRAM WILL BE POUCHED TODAY.

5. AFTER MEETING, PROF. LIBERTI INQUIRED AFTER SAMPLES HE REQUESTED (STATE 200855, ROME 13188). PLEASE ADVISE.BEAUDRY

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